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(54) New galenic process for omeprazole containing pellets.

(57) A production method for pellets containing Omeprazole performed with an inert core based on sacarose, starch and glucose, said core covered with the micronized and sieved active substance which is in a buffered dispersion, being added with an anionic surface active agent, in order to finally receive an enteric covering in a fluidized bed with HPMC phylate, diethyl phylate, aceton and etheyl alcohol being afterwards dried to obtain a water content of less than 1%, sieved, weigthed and capsulated.

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A new production method for enteric coated pellets containing Omeprazole which is coated on an inert core in the form of pH buffered dispersion phase.

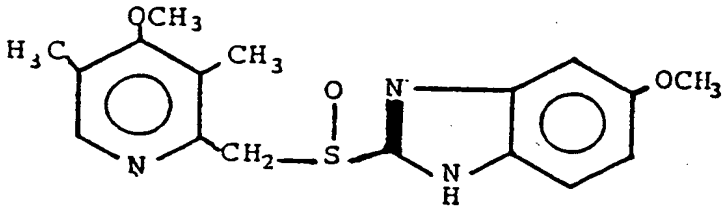
Field of invention:

The present invention is related to a new production method of a stable preparation containing Omeprazole for oral administration.

Description of invention:

Omeprazole is a potent inhibitor of gastric acid secretion. Omeprazole is a pyridine benzimidazol derivative with the following total formula C_{17} H_{19} N_3 O_3 S and a molecular weight of 354.4.-

Structure formula:



Omeprazole (1) is readily degradable in acidic enviroments, pH less than 7. Stability profile of 1 is almost the same in solid phase, and is also affected by moisture and organic solvents. The reason why oral dosage forms of Omeprazole have to be formulated as enteric coated dosage form is to protect it from acidic gastric juice. (Ref.US Patent 4,786,505 Nov 22, 1988) Enteric coated pellets of Omeprazol should reasonably withstand the gastric juice but it must be dissolved rapidly in the small intestine to obtain areasonable bioavailability of course, the effect. Several coating met-hods and materials have been used to comply the above mentioned prerequisi-tes of Omeprazole (UK Patent GB 21 89 698).

In this patent application a new process for the preparation of aorally used hard gelatin capsule containing enteric coated Omeprazole pellets is described.

This new enteric coated pellet production process consists of the following four steps.

I.Preparation of inert core by conventional pan coating method.

II.Active coating by using rotary type fluidized bed.

III.Protective coating by using rotary type fluidized bed.

IV.Enteric coating by using rotary type fluidized bed.

I.The contents of inert core are as following

Saccorose **65-85%**
Corn Starch **15-25%**
Glucose **2-6%**
Particle size distrubution range is arranged to be 90% within 0.71 mm. to ,0.85 mm. (in diameter) by suitable sieving. These inert pellets can also be obtained commercially.

II.To obtain a rapid dispersion active (Omeprazoe) substance is micronized and sieved through 150 mesh sieves.

The active substance sieved is dispersed in a buffered aqueus dispersion, at pH 7.1 ± 0.1, of a macromolecular binding agent. A anionic surface active agent (Sodium Lauryl Sulphate) is added to the aqueus phase to increase the wettability and smooth dispersion of Omeprazole.

The aqueus dispersion is sprayed on to the inert pellets in the cabin of a rotary type fluidized bed machine under appropriate process parameters.

The content of active dispersion phase for one dose (one capsule) is as following.

Omeprazole **20 mg.**
Hydroxypropil methyl cellulose **5.3 mg.**
Lactose anhydrous **8 mg.**

L-Hydroxy proply-cellulose **6 mg.**
Sodium lauryl sulphate **0.5mg.**
Disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate **0.8 mg.**
Water **0.21 ml.**

III.Active coated pellets have to be protected from the organic solvent which is normally used to disperse or dissolve the enteric coating material.

The thickness of thts layer is experimentally determined to obtain an optimal protection during the enteric coating processes and the necessary amount of coting material per capsule (one dose) for above mentioned active coated pellets (% 100 passes through 15 mesh sieves) has been determined as following.

HPMC **3.4 mg.**
Water **0.06 ml.**

Aqueus molecular dispersion of HPMC is sprayed under appropriate process parameters on to the active coated pellets in the cabine of a rotary type fludized bed machine and dried until the water content of the pellets is less than 1% when determined by the toluen distilation method described in USP XXII.

IV.Enteric coating is performed in the same machine using appropriate process parameters by spraying the following coating solution.

HPMC phytalate **24 mg.**
Diethyl phytalate **0.13 mg.**
Aceton **225 mg.(... ml)**
Ethyl alcohol **96 mg.(... ml)**

Finished product is sieved through 15 mesh and 20 mesh sieves. Pellets which pass through 15 mesh and are retained on 20 mesh sieves, are filled to gelatin capsules. Capsule contents are 233 mg ± 10%.

II.Protective coating phase:

Machine: Glatt GPCG 60 with GRG 30
Active coated pellets: **25 kg ± 0.4**
Spray nozzle: **2 x 1.8 mn**
Nozzle position: **Tangential**
Filter type: **PB_2 (2% of cotton wod)**
Sieve type: **Rotor Disc.**
Inlet air Temperature: **50-60°C**
Inlet Air Rate: **700-800 m^3/h**
Pumping rate: **20 rpm**
Slit width: **2 mm**
Rotor Speed : **300 rpm**

III.Enteric coating Phase

Machine: Glatt GPCG 60 with GRG 30
Spray nozzle: **2 x 1.8 mm**
Nozzle position: **Tangential**
Filter type: **PB2**
Sieve type: **Rotor Disc**
Air inlet temperature: **40-50°**
Air outlet temperature: **32-36°**
Pumping rate: **55 rpm**
Air inlet rate: **800-1000m^3/h**
Rotor disk rate: **400-600 rpm**

Claims

1. A production method for pellets containing Omeprazole. being the pellet finally contained into a gelatin

capsule, characterized in that the process is performed to obtain an inert core covered with the micronized active substance, to be also enteric coated and dried after the adjusting of its granulometry, being in this way ready to be produced as capsules.

2. A production method of pellets containing Omeprazole according to the previous claim, characterized in that the inert nucleous includes a 65-85% of sacarose, 15-25% of starch and 2-66% of glucose, said nucleous being obtained by conventional means and being sieved through a mesh within 0.71 and 0.85 mm.

3. A production method according to the first claim, characterized in that the active substance is micronized and sieved through a 150 mesh to be dispersed in a buffered aqueus dispersion at pH 7.1 ± 1% with the adition of an anionic surface active agent, as for example sodium lauril sulphate.

4. A production method according to the first claim, characterized in that the active substance comprising Omeprazole, hydroxil methyl cellulose, lactose anhydrous, L-hydroxy popyl-cellulose, sodium lauril sulphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate and water is sprayed onto the inert pellets in the cabin of a rotary type fluidized bed machine.

5. A production method according to the first claim, characterized in that the enteric cover in produced in a fluidized bed with HPMC phytalate, diethyl phytalate, aceton and ethyl alcohol being afterwards dried to obtain a water content of less than 1%.

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